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1. U.S. DELEGATION. IN LINE WITH SECRETARY'S DIRECTIVE
TO REDUCE SIZE US DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES
(REF A), OUR DELEGATION TO OCTOBER 3 MEETING WILL CONSIST
OF: DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL, AMBASSADOR KINTNER,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY EA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR EA/RA AND EMBASSY
BANGKOK SEATO AFFAIRS OFFICER SLOTT. OBSERVERS ARE:
CMDR. WES SAUNDERS (CINCPAC), COL. BLASTOS (DOD), JOHN
ZEROLIS (EA/RA), AND ROBERT DUEMLING, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
TO MR. INGERSOLL.

2. IN ADDITION, DEPT. WOULD LIKE SLOTT TO SERVE AS
SECRETARY OF US DELEGATION. OIC WILL APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO CONFERENCE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE TRAVEL PLANS AND WHETHER NEW YORK
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HOTEL RESERVATIONS NEEDED FOR AMBASSADOR AND SLOTT SO

DEPT. CAN MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

4. IN PREPARING STATEMENT AND POSITION PAPERS FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MEMBERS DELEGATION, DEPT. PLANNING TO FOLLOW LINES LAST YEAR'S MEETING. WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

5. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS: IN VIEW THAI PREFERENCE AS NOTED IN REF (C), US AGREES TO CHAIR THIS YEAR'S MEETING. AT SAME TIME WE CONCUR IN EMBASSY PROPOSAL TO INITIATE ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP BEGINNING NEXT YEAR. WOULD URGE THAT EMBASSY WORK OUT NECESSARY AGREEMENT RE 1975 VENUE AND CHAIRMANSHIP PRIOR TO NEW YORK MEETING SO THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN MERELY RATIFY AGREED-UPON ARRANGEMENT. (FYI: WE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO NEW YORK VENUE IF SO DESIRED. END FYI)

6. SEPARATE MESSAGE ON SECRETARY'S PLANS IN THIS PERIOD WILL BE TRANSMITTED SOON.

7. ONLY OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTION PLANNED BY US WOULD BE LUNCHEON ON OCTOBER 3 CO-HOSTED BY SLOTT AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THEIR COUNTERPARTS ON SECRETARIAT AND OTHER DELEGATIONS.

8. PLEASE NOTIFY US OF SEC GEN ITINERARY WHEN KNOWN; AS NOTED EARLIER, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR SEC GEN IN WASHINGTON BUT THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT CALL ON PRESIDENT OR VICE-PRESIDENT CAN BE ARRANGED. KISSINGER

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